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MR. CHARLES A. KNIGHT, TREASURER
OHIO REPUBLICAN PARTY STATE CENTRAL
& EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
211 S. FIFTH STREET
COLUMBUS, OH 43215

Response Due Date
02/26/2013

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00162339

REFERENCE: AMENDED JULY MONTHLY REPORT (06/01/2012 - 06/30/2012),
RECEIVED 11/21/2012

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 2 item(s):

1. Your Amended December Monthly (11/1/11 - 11/30/11), received 2/13/12, and Amended July Monthly (6/1/12 - 6/30/12), received 8/8/12 Reports disclose a substantial increase in debts owed to one or more vendors) from the amounts disclosed on your original reports (see attached). Please amend your report or provide an explanation to clarify why this additional activity was not provided with your original reports. (11 CFR § 104.3)
2. Schedule A of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(f) and 11 CFR §110.1(c) prohibit a State, district or local party committee (combined) from receiving any contribution from a person or non-multicandidate political committee in excess of \$10,000 per calendar year.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each

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person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within 60 days of receipt you (1) transferred the excessive amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded. (11 CFR §103.3(b))

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. In addition, any reattributions should be reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which the authorization for the reattribution is received. Any transfers-out or refunds should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the acceptance of an excessive contribution(s), prompt action by your committee to seek reattribution, transfer-out or refund the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

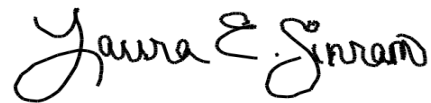
Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the

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Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1157.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura E. Sinram". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "L" and "S".

Laura Sinram
Senior Campaign Finance Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

Excessive, Prohibited, and Impermissible Contributions
Ohio Republican Party State Central & Executive Committee (C00162339)

Excessive Contributions from Individuals

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Report
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians	*3/22/12	\$5,000.00	2012 May Monthly
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians	*6/4/12	\$10,000.00	2012 July Monthly

*This is a memo entry related to a joint fundraiser.

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Overview of Additional Debts

Report Name	Total Additional Debts	Line Number(s)
2011 December Monthly/Amended 2011 December Monthly, received 2/13/12	\$3,195.02	10
2012 July Monthly/Amended July Monthly, received 11/21/12	\$8,166.99	10
Total Additional Debts	\$11,362.01	

Total Increase in Activity on Amended Reports: \$11,362.01